**Step 1:** Choose a piece of dramatic reading that is approximately 1-2 minutes in length.  It should be something that has meaning for you.  It can be a poem, an excerpt from a book, a monologue from a play, slam poetry, etc. Song lyrics do not work for this assignment.

**Please do not write it yourself.** It must be **appropriate for school.**

**Step 2:** Copy the text into Google Docs and share it with Mr. Baldwin by **Monday, March 14th for approval.** (5 points)

**Step 3: Once your piece is approved,** notate your reading:

1. Type your introduction for the piece at the top of your paper and a reminder for yourself to pause afterwards. Your introduction should include your name, the title of your piece, the author and two sentences about **why** you chose it. (This intro is worth 10 points.)
2. Type the words, "Thank You" at the bottom of your paper and a reminder for yourself to pause before you say it.
3. Choose one color to highlight all punctuation so you remember to PAUSE at punctuation marks.
4. Choose another color to represent EMPHASIS. Highlight at least 3 phrases you want to emphasize. (5 points)

**What are some ways to create emphasis in a dramatic reading? (We will discuss this in class.)**

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**What are two things you personally should improve since your first Famous Speech? *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***

**Step 4:** Google Share your notated reading to Mr. Baldwin by **Monday, March 14th.**

**Step 5:** Print out a copy of your reading. **You must use a printed page during your presentation.** There is no need to memorize your selection.

**Step 6:** Practice! Be sure to time yourself. Your reading should be 1-2 minutes, including the introduction.

**Step 7:** Be prepared to present your piece to the class as early as **Friday, March 18th.**

**DO NOT JUST READ YOUR PIECE. YOU MUST *PRESENT* IT.**